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Inspector of Meat and Foods—*
JOHN ACKLAND, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Maternity Nurse—
NURSE M. WILLIAMS,
CERTIFIED MIDWIFE.

To the Bideford Town Council

MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting herewith my Annual Report for the year ended December 31st, 1940.

I am pleased to state the district continues to hold its own as a Health Resort as will be seen from the General Statistics given in the several Tables.

I am, Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

ELLIS PEARSON.

OCTOBER, 1941.

ANNUAL REPORT.

General Statistics.

Area (Statute Acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,920
Population (1931) Census	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,778
Registrar-General's Estimate of Population, 1941	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,490
Number of Inhabited Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,781
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	...	£63,543
Sum represented by a penny Rate (approximate)	...	...	...	...	...	...	£248

Vital Statistics.

Live Births	{ Legitimate—Males 64 Females 60 }	128
	{ Illegitimate—Males 2 Females 2 }	
Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population		12.24
Still Births	{ Legitimate—Males 2 Females— 2 }	4
	{ Illegitimate—Males — Females — }	
Still Births, Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births		30.3
Deaths—Males 99, Females 85.		184
Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population		17.54
Deaths from Puerperal Causes	{ Puerperal Sepsis — Other Puerperal Causes — }	—
Deaths from Puerperal Causes, Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births		—
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age :—		
All Infants per 1,000 live births (4 deaths)		31.25
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births		31.25
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births		—
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)		22
„ „ Measles (all ages)		—
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages)		1
„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)		1

Legislation in Force.

ADOPTIVE PUBLIC GENERAL ACTS.

Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890 ...	15th June, 1893
Private Street Works Act, 1892	
Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907 :—	
Parts 2 (except Sec. 29), Parts 3, 4 and 6	
Parts 7 (except Secs. 82, 84, 85 and 86).	
Parts 8, 9 and Part 10 (except Sec. 94)	
Parts 8, 9 and Part 10 (except Sec. 94) ...	April, 1909
Public Health Act, 1925, Part 5	26th January, 1926
Section 1 of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933 applied to Sheep, Ewes, Wethers, Rams and Lambs (as regards old area)	1st February, 1934
Ditto (as regards Borough as extended) ...	1st July, 1935

Byelaws.

With respect to markets	16th February, 1882
With respect to the Driving of Cattle ...	5th March, 1888
With respect to the Obstruction of Foot Pas- sengers	8th August, 1892
For the Navigation of the River Torridge with- in the Harbour of Bideford	4th July, 1894
With respect to the Lighting of Vehicles ...	11th November, 1899
With respect to the disturbance of persons assembled in public buildings, shooting galleries, round-a-bouts, etc., street music and bad language	25th June, 1900
Prohibiting Spitting in Public Places	31st January, 1911
With respect to the Victoria Park Pleasure Ground	18th January, 1913
With respect to Hackney Carriages	4th August, 1932
With respect to New Streets & Buildings ...	10th July, 1928
With respect to the Management of the Public Cemetery	18th August, 1930
Regulating the use of Motor Boats within the Harbour	17th August, 1931
With respect to the Public Slaughterhouse ...	15th March, 1932
Relating to Violent Behaviour on Elementary School Premises	20th February, 1933

With respect to the Fouling of Footpaths by Dogs	17th August, 1935
For the Regulation of Advertisements ...	3rd December, 1936
With respect to the Decent Conduct of Persons using Public Sanitary Conven- iences	1st April, 1937

With respect to :—

- (1) Nuisances contrary to Public Decency
 - (2) Deposit of Litter to the Detriment
of Public Amenities
 - (3) Wireless, Loudspeakers, Gramophones,
etc.
- 1st February, 1937

Regulations.

With respect to the supply of Water ...	1893
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TABLE I.

NOTIFIABLE DIS

DISEASE	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED												
	Under 1 Year	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65 and over	Total
Diphtheria	—	1	3	3	14	15	76	34	10	12	4	—	172
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Measles	—	1	—	—	1	5	5	26	8	5	2	—	53
Pneumonia	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	2	6	2	13
Cerebral Spinal Meningitis	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	4

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TOTAL DEATHS									Cases admitted to Hospital
Under 1 Year	1 and under 2 Years	2 and under 5 years	2 and under 15 years	15 and under 25 years	25 and under 45 years	45 and under 65 years	65 and over	Total	
—	1	1	4	—	—	—	—	6	172
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Nil	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Nil	2
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Nil	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Nil	4

TABLE II.

VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE DISTRICT DURING 1940 AND PREVIOUS 5 YEARS

Years	Estimated population for Year	Births.		Nett Deaths belong- ing to the District.		Nett Deaths belonging to the District			
		Nett		Number	Rate per 1000 population	Under 1 year of age		Number	Rate per 1000 population
		Number	Rate per 1000			Number	Rate per 1000 births		
1935	9561	113	11.81	119	12.44	8	70.79	119	12.44
1936	9422	105	11.14	128	13.59	4	38.09	128	13.59
1937	9361	121	12.92	136	14.51	7	57.85	136	14.51
1938	9294	117	12.58	101	11.94	3	64.00	101	11.94
1939	9384	108	11.5	158	16.83	6	55.4	158	16.83
1940	10490	128	12.24	184	17.54	4	31.25	184	17.54

TABLE III

CAUSES OF AND AGES AT DEATH DURING 1940

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All Ages		Under 1 year		1 and under 2 years		2 and under 5 years		5 and under 15 years		15 and under 25 years		25 and under 45 years		45 and under 65 years		65 and under 75 years	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1
5	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	—
—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—
—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	6
36	29	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7	6	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
99	85	3	1	3	2	1	—	4	4	—	1	6	3	31	24	51	50

Whooping Cough
 Diphtheria
 Tuberculosis of Respiratory System
 Tuberculosis, Other Forms
 Influenza
 Cancer
 Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum
 Cancer of Breast
 Cancer, All other forms
 Diabetes
 Intra Cranial Vascular Lesions
 Heart Disease
 Other Diseases, Circulatory System
 Bronchitis
 Pneumonia
 Other Respiratory Diseases
 Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum
 Diarrhoea (Under 2 years)
 Appendicitis
 Other Digestive Diseases
 Nephritis
 Premature Birth
 Congenital Malformation
 Road Traffic Accidents
 Other Violent Causes
 All Other Causes, ...

TABLE IV.—OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

CASES.			Vision not Impaired	Vision Impaired	Total Blindness	Deaths
Notified	Treated					
	At home	In hospital				
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

TABLE V.—TUBERCULOSIS.

AGE PERIODS	NEW CASES.						DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Male		Female	Male		Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
10—15	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
20—25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—35	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
35—45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
55—65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	—	2	—	—	2	—	2	2	—	2

TABLE VI.

INFANT MORTALITY.

Nett Deaths from stated causes at various ages under 1 year.

CAUSES OF DEATH	Under 1 week	1 to 2 weeks	2 to 3 weeks	3 to 4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months	Total Deaths under 1 year
Diarrhoea	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Premature Birth	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Congenital Mal-formation	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
TOTALS	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	4

ANNUAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE
BIDEFORD TOWN COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of submitting to you my Sixteenth Annual Report, which deals with the work carried out during the year ended December 31st, 1940.

Sanitation.

The Tabulated Summary shows the work that has been carried out under the Public Health Acts, and the Housing Acts, 1925, 1930, 1935, and 1936.

Number of Houses Inspected	48
Number of Notices served under Public Health Acts	16
Number of Preliminary Notices under Housing Acts	21
Number of Notices served under Section 19 Housing Act, 1930, of time and place at which question of making a Demolition Order would be considered ...	Nil
Number of Demolition Orders made under Section 19 Housing Act, 1930	Nil
Number of Houses Demolished	Nil
Number of Closing Orders made of Part of a Building under Housing Act, 1930	Nil
Number of Notices served under Factory and Workshops Act	2

The chief defects that have been dealt with are :—

Provision of food store and means of ventilation provided in existing stores	4
Windows made to open	8
Roofs repaired and made watertight	21
Eaves, gutters and downpipes repaired or renewed ...	5
Damp walls treated	11
Floors of living and sleeping rooms repaired	3
Plastering of walls and ceilings repaired	6
External plastering repaired	8
Stairs repaired and put in safe condition	1
Kitchen stove repaired	2
Scullery sinks fitted	2
New W.C.s. built to provide separate accommodation for each house	1
New W.C. pans fitted	7
Flushing cisterns provided in W.C.s.	3
Defective paving in yards repaired	2
Drains cleared	18
Animals kept in such state as to be a nuisance	2
Accumulations of manure removed	2

I have met the Owners or Agents who have been responsible for the execution of any works in connection with repairs to houses, and they have complied with the requirements of any notice served by the Council without any unnecessary delay or undue trouble.

Housing.

1. Inspection of Dwelling houses during the year :—

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health or Housing Acts	48
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	67
(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	21
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	38
(3)		Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil

(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	21
2.	Remedy of Defects during the year (without Service of Formal Notices) :—	
	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	15
3.	Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—	
(a)	Proceedings under Sections 17, 18 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1930 :	
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	4
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices :—	
(a)	By Owners	4
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—	
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	16
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices ...	16
(a)	By Owners	16
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners...	Nil
(c)	Proceedings under Sections 19 & 21 of the Housing Act, 1930 :—	
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders... ..	Nil

- (d) Proceedings under Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1930 :—
- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... Nil
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... Nil
4. Housing Act, 1936—Part IV.—Overcrowding.
- (a) (i) Number of dwelling-houses overcrowded at end of last year ... Nil
- (ii) Number of families dwelling therein ... Nil
- (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein ... Nil
- Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... Nil
- (c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ... Nil
- (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... Nil

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

Houses found to be infested :—

Council Houses, Nil. Other Houses, One.

This was an old house, the bedroom ceiling was pulled down and loose plastering on the walls removed and the premises were then thoroughly sprayed with insecticide, and the ceiling replaced with asbestos sheeting and the walls replastered.

Infectious Diseases and Infection.

The following cases of Infectious Diseases have been notified during the year :—

Diphtheria	...	...	...	172
Pneumonia	...	...	...	13
Erysipelas	...	...	...	1
Measles	...	...	...	51
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	12
Cerebral Spinal Meningitis	...			4

Number of Houses disinfected for :—

Notifiable Infectious Diseases	215
Tuberculosis	8
Other Infectious Diseases ...	11
Verminous conditions	4

One hundred and eighty cases were removed for treatment to the Bideford and District Joint Isolation Hospital.

A "Manlove" Steam Disinfector is available at the above Isolation Hospital.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.**I. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH.**

Premises	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories with mechanical power	21	1	.....
Factories without mechanical power	7	.....	.....
Other Premises under the Act	2	.....	.....
TOTAL	30	1	.....

2. Defects Found.

Particulars	Number of Defects.			Number of defects in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (Section 1)	Nil	Nil	.....	Nil
Overcrowding (Section 2)	1	1	.....	Nil
Unreasonable Temperature (Section 3)	Nil	Nil	.....	Nil
Inadequate Ventilation (Section 4)	Nil	Nil	.....	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (Section 6)	Nil	Nil	.....	Nil
Sanitary — Insufficient	Nil	Nil	.....	Nil
Conveniences — unsuitable or defective	Nil	Nil	.....	Nil
Not separate for sexes	Nil	Nil	.....	Nil
Other Offences	Nil	Nil	.....	Nil
TOTAL	1	1	.....	

Rainfall.

The Borough Surveyor kindly supplied the following particulars of the rainfall as recorded at Gammaton and Jennetts for the year 1940.

				Gammaton	Jennetts
January	...	...	...	3.29	3.26
February	...	...	...	4.62	3.91
March	...	...	...	2.43	2.35
April	...	...	...	2.93	3.06
May	...	...	...	1.28	1.14
June	...	...	...	0.62	0.72
July	...	...	...	4.19	4.62
August	...	...	...	0.19	0.15
September	...	...	...	1.51	2.42
October	...	...	...	3.67	3.59
November	...	...	...	7.18	9.52
December	...	...	...	2.34	3.44
				34.25	38.18
				Inches.	Inches.

Water Supply.

The Water Supply of the Town is on the Constant System and is obtained from Two Sources, viz., Gammaton and Jennetts.

Samples of water are submitted to the Devon County Council Laboratory at Dixsfield, Exeter, for Chemical and Bacteriological examination.

Two samples were taken from Gammaton and the result of the latest sample taken was as follows :—

REPORT.

CHEMICAL. (Results expressed as parts per 100,000). Hardness as calcium carbonate.

Temporary	1.4.	Permanent	6.0.	Total	...	7.4
Chlorides, as chlorine	...	...	...	...	...	2.3
Ammonia, free and saline, as nitrogen	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Ammonia, Albuminoid, as nitrogen	...	...	...	...	...	0.009
Nitrates, as nitrogen	...	...	...	...	...	0.014
Nitrites, as nitrogen	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Oxygen absorbed (3 hours at 37 degrees C.)	...	...	...	...	...	0.075
Metals—Lead, Copper and Zinc	...	...	...	...	...	Absent
Remarks—Sample clear and free from sediment.	...	...	...	...	...	

BACTERIOLOGICAL.

Total Organisms growing on agar (2 days at 37°C.)	per c.c.
Total Organisms growing on ager (3 days at 20°C.)	per c.c.
B. Coli present in	absent in 100 ml.
Probable number coli-aerogenes organisms per 100 c.c.	Nil

CONCLUSIONS.

This sample is of a satisfactory degree of organic and bacterial purity.

From Jennetts supply two samples were taken for Chemical and Bacteriological examination and the result of the latest examination was as follows :—

REPORT.

CHEMICAL. (Results expressed as parts per 100,000). hardness as calcium carbonate.

Temporary 3.4.	Permanent 6.4.	Total	...	9.8
Chlorides, as chlorine	...	...	...	3.2
Ammonia, free and saline, as nitrogen	...	...	...	0.0032
Ammonia, Albuminoid, as nitrogen	...	...	...	0.0206
Nitrates, as nitrogen	...	...	...	0.06
Nitrites, as nitrogen	...	...	...	Nil
Oxygen absorbed (3 hours at 37 degrees C.)	...	...	...	0.168
Metals—Lead, Copper and Zinc	...	...	...	Absent

REMARKS. Sample clear and free from sediment.

BACTERIOLOGICAL

Total Organisms growing on agar (2 days at 37°C.)	per c.c.
Total Organisms growing on agar (3 days at 20°C.)	per c.
B. Coli present in	Absent in 100c.c.
Probable number coli-aerogenes organisms per 100 c.c.	Nil

CONCLUSIONS.

This sample is of a satisfactory degree of purity.

Water from Wells.

Samples of water were taken from Nine Wells in the Town and submitted to the County Laboratory for bacteriological examination. These samples were taken to ascertain the purity of the water from wells should this source of supply be required in case of emergency if the Town Water Mains were damaged. The results of these examinations were, One sample was satisfactory, Three samples were doubtful and Five samples were unsatisfactory.

These samples were submitted for bacteriological examination without any treatment of the water, but if it became necessary to draw on this supply for domestic purposes, arrangements would be made for the settling and chlorination of the water before use.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

The refuse of the Town is now collected by a mechanical freighter and a Bedford Lorry, and this collection is carried out during the forenoon. In the main streets it is collected daily and in the remaining parts of the town every other day.

The refuse is tipped at a dump at Northam Ridge and a man is constantly employed on the dump to supervise tipping.

Notices have been served requiring owners to replace defective and insanitary receptacles with galvanised iron bins. Many new bins have been provided, but frequently receptacles are used which do not comply with the requirements.

Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919.

Rat Week was held during the first week in November. The Refuse Dump at Northam Ridge was treated with Sulphuretted Hydrogen and poisoned bait was laid. These methods of destruction are carried out at various times during the year, but with such a large dump and with the surrounding hedges and banks offering good harbouring ground and the almost impossible task of stopping all the holes, as there is so much undergrowth, it is a difficult matter to exterminate these pests, but the methods employed are killing a lot of rats and keeping their numbers down.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Public Abattoir.

On January the 15th the Ministry of Food took over the use of the Council's Public Abattoir and from that date all home killed meat for the District, comprising Bedford Borough, Bedford Rural District, Northam Urban District, Great Torrington Borough and Torrington Rural District has been slaughtered and allocated to the various batchers from this slaughterhouse.

This centralisation of slaughtering for an enlarged District has increased the work done at the slaughterhouse and has consequently entailed extra work on meat inspection as all carcasses are examined at the place of slaughter.

In compliance with Section One of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933, all animals that are killed in the slaughterhouse are rendered insensible to pain by means of a mechanically operated instrument.

The following two tabulated summaries show the amount of work carried out :—

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

The following Table is as suggested by the Ministry of Health.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	1423	353	202	10630	2676
Number inspected	1423	353	202	10630	2676
All diseases except Tuberculosis					
Whole carcasses con- demned	9	3	1	115	62
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned	92	37	1	907	132
Percentage of the num- ber inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	7.09	11.33	.99	9.61	7.25
Tuberculosis only Whole carcasses con- demned	19	6	2	—	20
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	36	8	—	—	81
Percentage of the num- ber inspected affected with Tuberculosis	3.86	3.96	.99	—	3.77

SUMMARY OF FOOD CONDEMNATIONS WITH CAUSE OF CONDEMNATION AND WEIGHT

<i>Foodstuffs</i>	<i>Condemned</i>	<i>Cause of Condemnation</i>	<i>Carcasses</i>	<i>Parts Carcasses</i>	<i>Tns.</i>	<i>cwts.</i>	<i>q's.</i>	<i>lbs.</i>	<i>Tns.</i>	<i>cwts.</i>	<i>q's.</i>	<i>lbs.</i>
Beef		Tuberculosis	25	9	5	1	0	27				
Beef		Do.		35		6	2	26				
Beef Offal		Do.	12		1	3	1	6				
Beef		Other Causes		49	2	0	3	13				
		Do.		80	1	5	3	10				
Beef Offal						16	3	17	10	14	3	5
Pork		Tuberculosis	20	81	1	6	1	15				
Do.		Do.				13	3	26				
Pork Offal		Do.				5	3	23				
Pork		Other Causes	62		2	2	1	7				
Do.		Do.		132		8	2	27				
Do.		Do.				2	0	3	4	19	1	17
Mutton		Uremia	10			4	0	12				
Do.		Inflammaton	45			19	0	12				
Do.		Dropsy	20			8	0	24				
Do.		Pleurisy	22			8	1	12				
Do.		Emaciaton	15			6	1	26				
Do.		Decomposition	3				3	24				
Do. Frozen Lamb		Distoma Hepaticum										
Mutton Offal		Cysts and congestion		907	2	15	2	2	5	2	3	0
Tins of Cooked Ham		Decomposition										
Cooked Ham		Do.					1	22				
Tins of Brawn		Do.					1	2				
Tins of Plums		Tins "Blown"						24				
50 Rabbits		Decomposition					4	6				
2 Boxes Pork Livers		Do.					2	13				
								6				
									20	19	2	11

Butchers' Shops.

The twelve butchers' shops in the town are kept in good condition and all comply with the requirements of the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924, in that they are provided with moveable glass fronts. The butchers' shops in the Butchers' Row are under a covered Market Place.

Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936.

The following Table sets out the number of dairymen who are producing Graded Milk under the above Order and are trading in the Borough

Local Authority	Grade of Milk	
	Tuberculin Tested	Accredited.
Bideford Borough	3	4
Bideford Rural	1	3
Barnstaple Rural	1	.....

Bacteriological Examination of Milk.

Fifteen samples of milk have been submitted to the Devon County Council Laboratory at Dixsfield, Exeter, for bacteriological examination. The milk is classified in Three Grades—(1) Tuberculin Tested : (2) Accredited : and (3) Ordinary.

Samples of Tuberculin Tested Milk are taken from each licensed farm once a month, samples of Accredited Milk from Accredited Producers once in three months and samples of Ordinary milk are taken occasionally.

The samples of Tuberculin Tested and Accredited Milk are taken on production at the various farms, samples of Ordinary Milk are taken from bulk delivery by wholesale dairymen or from producers retailers in course of delivery.

The Grade of Milk and results of the examination are shown on the following Table :—

Local Authority Name of	Number of Samples	Tuberculin Tested		Accredited.		Ordinary.	
		Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed
Bideford Borough	14	4	1	4	1	3	1
Bideford Rural	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
TOTALS	15	4	1	4	1	4	1

I am, Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN ACKLAND.

